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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 13: Delete "claims 1 or 2" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 5, line 18: Delete "claim 1 or 2" and insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependency of the claim in order to avoid the additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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